(c) Access to raw materials, equipment and other inputs at international prices is a key factor in making export competitive. SEZs, therefore, intend to provide an internationally competitive duty free environment for exports. Since production inputs are either made available without payment of duty or the duty suffered are neutralized through drawback, unit-wise details of duty exemption etc. availed by the SEZ units are not maintained.

Setting up of beef industry

†2272. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought opinion from Ministry of Environment and Forests regarding setting up of beef industry by the multinational companies in the country;

(b) if so, facts in this regard; and

(c) the reasons behind Government's decision to consider the proposal of setting up of beef industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) As per the Environment Impact Assessment notification 1994 and its subsequent amendments notified under the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 the beef industry is not listed in the 32 categories in Schedule II requiring environmental clearance. As such it does not attract the permission of the said notification.

Steps for industrial promotion

2273. SHRI MATIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to State:

(a) What steps have been taken by Government for industrial promotion in the country; and

(b) what have been the results of these steps during the last two years and the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Under the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.